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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR WASTE REPROCESSING AT OSKARSHAMN

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. SWEDISH PRESS REPORTED DECEMBER 22 THAT THE US HAS "PRACTICALLY STOPPED REPROCESSING OF SWEDISH SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL." THE OSKARSHAMN POWER COMPANY'S (OKG) YEAR-OLD APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO SHIP SPENT FUEL TO WINDSCALE IS STILL PENDING. SWEDISH AUTHORITIES HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE OKG COOLING BASINS ARE NEARLY FILLED. A PLANNED CENTRAL NUCLEAR STORAGE FACILITY, EVEN IF CONSTRUCTION STARTED NOW, WILL NOT BE READY BEFORE 1984 AT THE EARLIEST. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, OKG COULD BE THE FIRST CASE IN SWEDEN WHERE THE US WOULD GRANT AN EXCEPTION TO THE BAN ON REPROCESSING. THE US HAS GRANTED EXCEPTIONS EARLIER FOR NUCLEAR PLANTS IN SPAIN, JAPAN AND SWITZERLAND WHERE STORAGE FACILITIES WERE FILLED TO CAPACITY. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT. AN OKG OFFICIAL TOLD SCIENTIFIC ATTACHE RECENTLY THAT THEIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPLICATION TO SHIP WASTE FUEL TO WINDSCALE WAS SUBMITTED TO THE US ABOUT 11 MONTHS AGO. HE SAID THE STORAGE PROBLEM COULD BECOME SERIOUS IN SIX OR SO MONTHS AND THAT IT IS VERY EXPENSIVE FOR OKG TO HOLD NUCLEAR WASTES IN COOLING BASINS. THE POSSIBILITY OF SHARING STORAGE BASINS WITH COMPETING SWEDISH POWER COMPANIES DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE A WORKABLE SOLUTION IN

THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. JOHAN LIND, MFA NUCLEAR AFFAIRS OFFICER, INFORMED
SCIENTIFIC ATTACHE THAT OKG'S FUELS SERVICE BRANCH
WOULD PROVIDE MFA WITH INFORMATION WHICH
WILL BE SENT TO THE SWEDISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON
LATER TODAY. LIND PROMISED TO PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH
SAME INFORMATION. LIND REITERATED THAT THERE IS NO
MISUNDERSTANDING IN THE GOS NOR DEEP CONCERN ABOUT
CURRENT US POLICY REGARDING REPROCESSING OF WASTE FUEL.
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